

VICTORY MAKES FRENCH REJOICE

First Step in Recclamation of Alsace.

With the Taking of Muehlhausen After a Desperate Engagement in Which 15,000 French and 30,000 Germans Are Reported to Have Been Lost, French See Opening Wedge to Long-Sought Revenge For 1870.

Berlin, Aug. 10. - It is announced here that a French force advancing from Belfort had a skirmish with German frontier guards near Altkirch and was repulsed, withdrawing toward Bel-

Paris, Aug. 10.-Dispatches have reached Paris saying that the French army which is invading Alsace-Lorraine, and which broke through the German defenses at Altkirch and occupied the heavily fortified town of Muchlhausen, has pushed on to Colmar, twenty-two miles beyond Muchlhausen.

From the details received here, the Germans apparently made their stand at Altkirch, where the French lost 15,-000 men and the Germans 30,000, according to reports which have come from the front.

After preliminary skirmishes the French charged at the front line of earthworks repeatedly. Their bayonet charges finally disrupted the German lines and the French broke through and occupied the first line of earthworks. There was a second line behind this, but the Germans did not attempt to defend this second line, but retired in disorder toward Wallheim and Tagolsheim. A regiment of dragoons pursued them for a way, inflicting severe losses. While it was yet dark the French entered Altkirch and were welcomed by the Alsatian inhabitants. The advance was resumed at daybreak. German cavalry was encountered on the outskirts of Muchlhausen and was driven back.

The French scouts then came on field works with which the Germans had protected the town. The field works were abandoned and were occupied by the French invaders. The Germans retired to the northward with a French cavalry force harrying their rear guad.

Welcomed by Alsatians.

The war office thus describes the taking of Muchlhausen: "During the march from Altkirch the French troops passed the abandoned earthworks and defenses of Muchlhausen. The populace came out from the town and in a frenzy of delight welcomed the French troops. The cavalry, galloping through the streets, pursued the German rear guard. The French established themselves north of Muehlhau-

Rout is the only word with which to describe the German retreat. The French losses were not excessive when the result is considered. The occupation of Muchlhausen, the great industrial and intellectual center of Alsace, will reverberate throughout Europe

The Germans retired in the direction of Neu Breisach. The whole of Alsace will rise against them and aggravate their position."

The minister of war sent this congratulatory message to General Joffre. commanding the French army: "This initial success will have the moral effect of bringing profound satisfaction to the nation. I thank you in the name of the government."

The news of the taking of Muchlhausen was received in Paris with enthusiasm and delight. Crowds filled the streets, reading the bulletine, singing and shouting to know that an important step had been taken in the task of regaining the provinces lost in the war of 1870.

French Are Rejoicing.

No confirmation has been received in Paris of the report which has reach-ed here by way of Berlin to Amsterdam to London to Paris that Liege has fallen. The war office expressed the ope that the Germans were still held in check at Liege while the Belgian, French and British forces are prepar-ing to block their way at Huy and Namur. The victories of the French Now is the time to subscribe

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Celeser, which is unofficielly anthe partiewest of Non Breisach, to which the Cormans are reserved to have retired from Machillansen Details of the accumation of Polyar are lacking, but it would appear that the IMPORTANT TOWN CAPTURED French army has turned the flenk of the Germans and is advancing toward Stramburg, farty miles beyond Cot-mar, which is believed to be the oblective point of the present invasion.

Minar Russian Engagements. St. Petersburg, Aug. 10.-in the fighting at Vilna the Russians lost sixty men. In the recent fighting at Versibbolove the Germans lost 100 killed and more than that in wo. nded.

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TOOK QUIET POSSESSION

No Trouble Reported When Constitu tionalists Entered Capital.

Washington, Aug. 17.—The state department has received reports of the occupation of Mexico City by Constitutionalist troops under General Obregon. The entrance of the Constitutionalists was so peaceful and their presence so generally accepted by the people of the city that there was little for the Brazilian minister to report except the bare fact that the occupation was at last a fact. The minister was of the opinion that the new government would be set up without trouble. General Obregon stated that not a single act of depredation was committed by any of his men upon their entry into the enpital.

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TERSE TELEGRAMS

The Pauama canal is now open to the commerce of the world.

A recommendate has been in Sofia announcing that Buigaris is in a state of sleepe

The nation-wide federal crusade against inflation of food prices is now on in earmest.

Fifty uncontrolled fires are burning in the great national forests of Montana and northern idaho.

Rear Admiral Ward of the United States navy, will take charge of the Red Cross work in London.

The race for the America's cup, which was to have been sailed next month has been postponed until next

Turkey is said to be requisitioning cargoes of all steamships in Turkish waters without regard to their nationality.

Hal Reid, the well-known playwright and motion picture man, accidentally shot himself and is in a serious condition.

Russia has made demands upon Turkey that unrestricted passage through the Dardanelles be granted to the Russian Black sea fleet.

in order to meet the situation arising from the scarcity of coal and grain. Spain has suspended the tariff on flour, corn and coal.

An English torpedo flotilla captored two German merchant vessels, one a passenger ship and the other a freight er, in the Me literranean.

The members of the Indiana national goard are in camp at Fort Benjamin Harrison to receive ten days' instrucion to the game of make-believe war.

The Portuguese cabinet has decided to strengthen the garrison in Portuguese East Africa and to increase the Portuguese navy by arming merchant

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Assistance of Men and Money Offered to England.

Bombay, Aug. 10.-A meeting of the has been called for the purpose of otfering to the British government eveassistance of men and money. The sens of many native chiefs are begging for the "proud privilege of making a his men that they would march merifice for the empire."

Warning to Civilians.

Berlin, Aug. 10. - The following datement is made here: "The civiland of the ze fired abon troops and doctora from ambuch. Similar occurcomes have been reported from the miler near Mets. If France and tillation are proparing for such a war hey must espect retaliation. The Cerman treops are accustomed to fight only armed military enemies, and ther munot be blamed if in self-defense they give no quarter."

Most disfiguring skin cruptions, scrofula, pimples, rashes, etc., are due to impure blood. Burdock Blood Bitters as a cleansing blood tonic, is and Havre have been closed to shipwell recommended. \$1 00 at all stores.

EXPERTS SCOUT THE STORY

Military Men Don't Believe Warsan Has Been Taken.

London, Aug. 10.-The report that the Germans have captured Warsaw is regarded here as a canard. Such ? feat is believed to be absolutely impossible. Warsaw is a first class fortress and has an immense garrison The idea that it was captured by a German coup de main is scouted by military experts.

War Penetrates Africa.

London, Aug. 17.—An official dispatch from the government of Nyassaland says that the government's armed steamer Gwendolen captured the German armed steamer Von Wissman on Lake Nyassa. The guns and engines of the Von Wissman were removed and the crew are held prisoners.

China Also Getting Busy. London, Aug. 17.—It is reported that China is moving a strong force toward Tsinantu, capital of the province of Shantung, 100 miles from the Gulf of Pechili. Neither the Japanese embas-

sy nor the official bureau here will con-

firm or deny the report.

The Austrians Driven Back Nish, Servis, Aug. 17.-The Austrians who had succeeded after long continued attempts in crossing the River Save, were driven back Sunday by the Servians with heavy losses to their own side of the river.

INDIA LOYAL TO ENTERPRISE THE KAISER DISAPPOINTED

He Thought Belgium Would Welcome His Soldiers.

Brussels, Aug. 10.-The German forces in the Luxemburg district of most influential citizens of this city | Helgium are retreating before the advancing French reinforcements. It is reported here that the German commissary has failed to provide for the army's stomach, the hairer having told through a "amiling countrywide." Many German soldiers and officers prondered because they were the esbausted to fight. This situation is now believed to have been behind the Herman request for an amplatice, -

The Germany before the Lieue forth Sentlens have made another remes for an armistice and at ain have met with a refusal

Two Prizes of War. Paris, Aug. 10.-The German metchant vessels Ariadne and Novtune have been seized as prizes of war at Rouen.

Important Ports Closed. Paris, Aug. 10 .- The ports of Calais ping.

TERSE TELEGRAMS

The German consulate in Toronto is closed and the flag of the kaiser hauted down.

The municipal council of Paris voted to change the name of the Rue De Berlin to the Rue Des Helges.

It is reported that cholera has broken out in the Servian and Austrian armies on the Servian border.

Russians disguised as German women blew up a bridge over the Oder at Stettin, a port on the Baltic, north of Berlin.

A report from Genoa says that the casino at Monte Carlo has been closed and Vice Director Kotz has been shot as a German spy. Great Britain has promised Holland

to respect scrupulously Dutch neutrality, and her warships will not enter he west Scheldt. A British cruiser has destroyed the German wireless station at Dar-Es-Sa-

laam, an important port and military station in German East Africa. Charles W. Danforth, New York manager of the Pittsburg Steel and

Iron company, dropped dead in the

Grand Central station at New York. The European conflict has given a great impetus to the United States postal savings system, large numbers of wage earners of foreign birth taking their savings to the postoffices.

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